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a base component having side walls formed with a plurality of first
cavity cavities as well as a plurality of substantially interior grooves formed
therein for receiving to receive a plurality of electrically conductive members
forming including receptacle contact surfaces;

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a central adaptor component formed independently of said base
component, and being further formed with projecting surfaces capable of
mating-like interfacing with said grooves, said the central adaptor component
having a plurality of projecting surfaces being capable of posts for inserting
10 insertion into the grooves, wherein each of the projecting posts is inserted into
corresponding grooves and nestling within said first cavity, each of said first
cavities to hold each of the conductive members between the base
component and said central adaptor component, being yet further formed
with a second cavity therewithin, said a front of the central adaptor
15 component having a second cavity bounded by a circumference side wall,
and a plurality of openings formed therethrough; and including a recessed
wall formed with openings therethrough; and

~~An an~~ electrical wiring device component ~~characterized by the absence~~
20 ~~of a mounting strap and being formed with~~ having opposite face faces and a
~~rear portions~~ portion, said electrical wiring device component including
electrically conductive projections extending from said rear ~~portions~~ portion,
said rear portion ~~portions~~ capable of being inserted into and nestling within
said second cavity, said electrically conductive projections extending through

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said openings in said recessed wall ~~to~~ and into electrical contact with said receptacle contact surfaces when said electrical wiring device component is assembled with said central adaptor component and the base component.

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Claim 57. (currently amended) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein ~~said electrical wiring device component has~~ at least one ground terminal connection ~~that~~ extends into said base component unit; and

10 wherein said electrical wiring device component has at least one ground contact extending from said rear portion of the electrical wiring device component, said at least one ground contact being capable of being releasably connected to said at least one ground terminal connection.

15 Claim 58. (previously added) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said electrical wiring device component comprises a receptacle.

20 Claim 59. (previously added) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said electrical wiring device component comprises a switch.

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Claim 60. (previously added) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said electrical wiring device component comprises a circuit interrupting device.

5 Claim 61. (currently amended) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said base component is configured to fit within a single gang junction box in the an electrical wiring system.

10 Claim 62. (currently amended) The modular electrical component wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said base is configured to fit within a multiple gang junction box in the an electrical wiring system.

Claim 63. (currently amended) The A modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein comprising:

15 ~~a base component formed with a first cavity as well as plurality of substantially interior grooves formed therein for receiving electrically conductive members forming receptacle surfaces;~~

20 ~~— a central adaptor component formed independently of said base component and being further formed with projecting surfaces capable of mating like interfacing with said grooves, said projecting surfaces being capable of insertion into and nestling within said first cavity, said central adaptor component being yet further formed with a second cavity therewithin,~~

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~~said central adaptor component including a recessed wall formed with openings therethrough;~~

- ~~an electrical wiring device component characterized by the absence of a mounting strap and being formed with opposite face and rear portions, said electrical wiring device~~
5 ~~component including electrically conductive projections extending from said rear portions,~~
~~said rear portions capable of being inserted into and nestling within said second cavity,~~
~~said electrically conductive projections extending through said openings in said recessed~~
~~wall to and into electrical contact with said receptacle surfaces when said electrical wiring~~
~~device component is assembled with said central adaptor component; and~~
- 10 a circuit interrupting portion located within the electrical wiring device component for breaking a conductive path to at least one of the electrically conductive projections.

- Claim 64. (currently amended) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 63, wherein ~~electrical wiring device component has~~ at least one ground
- 15 terminal connection ~~that extends into said base unit component~~; and

- wherein said electrical wiring device component has at least one ground contact extending from said rear portion of the electrical wiring device component, said at least one ground contact being capable of being releasably connected to said at least one ground terminal connection.
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Claim 65. (previously added) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 63, wherein said electrical wiring device component comprises a receptacle.